

## SITUATION IS GRAVER.

Feared That the Warm Weather Will Cause Another Outbreak of Yellow Fever.

Many New Cases at Jackson, Mississippi, Today—The Situation is Again Most Alarming.

Jackson, Miss., Oct. 25.—It is now feared that there may be another outbreak of yellow fever as the weather is getting warmer. The people here and in other parts of the state are becoming greatly alarmed. There are ten new cases here today.

## A BIG TIME.

Two Men Get Shot in Manchester, Clay County, and One Is Dead.

Sam Kash Also Kills Him a Man Who Was Resisting Arrest.

London, Ky., Oct. 25.—Reports have reached here of the killing of a man at Manchester, by Sam Kash. The man was resisting arrest.

Also Bul Lucas shot and mortally wounded E. P. White, sheriff of Clay county. Lucas was resisting arrest and White shot but missed his aim.

## REFUGEES LEAVE FULTON.

Fulton, Ky., Oct. 24.—The refugees from Mississippi and Louisiana and several Tennessee towns, which this place and near-by Kentucky towns and cities have been crowded for some weeks, are rapidly returning to their homes, believing yellow fever has run its course.

One merchant from Jackson, Miss., said he had lost \$20,000 by the fever epidemic. He said it would take two months for the business interests to revive from the blighting influences which have been at work in the infected district for several weeks.

## NEWS SUMMARY.

The French yellow book on the Fashoda affair shows that Lord Salisbury has not, as the English public has supposed, refused to entertain any proposition except for the unconditional evacuation of Fashoda by the French. A representative of the French foreign office is on his way to London bearing proposals for the conditional withdrawal of Maj. Marchand.

A quorum of Cuban delegates has reached Santa Cruz del Sur, and the first meeting, which will be devoted to preliminaries, will be held this week. It is likely that an adjournment will then be taken to Baradero, near Havana. The principal work will be the selection of a commission to settle matters arising in connection with American occupation.

The grab game by the Spaniards extends all over Cuba. Spanish army rations are being sold at any price obtainable, including legitimate trade. Many Spanish soldiers are deserting to the insurgents. Others are being mustered out in order that they may remain on the island. Army scandals and lack of pay are the principal causes.

The peace cross on the site of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul was unveiled on the summit of Mount St. Albans, near Washington Thursday, in the presence of President McKinley and other distinguished men.

A meeting of British commercial men at Manila, who have \$200,000,000 of capital lying idle because of the war, resulted in an appeal to the British government to endeavor to hasten a settlement of pending issues.

Washington has not yet replied to the Cuban appeal of the American commissioners at Havana for power to back up their protests against Blanco's continued sale and removal of public property.

Druggists will say they sell more Plantation Chill Cure than all others.

Realizing the difficulty of obtaining pure goods and appreciating the irregular manner in which they are being sold, we have taken the liberty of calling attention to our very complete line of

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for medicinal purposes only. All our domestic goods are purchased direct from the makers, leaving no middleman between us and the consumer. We carry a complete line of the highest grade wine, brandy, and liquors, both imported and domestic, constantly on hand.

## For Medicinal Purposes

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4th & Broadway

## WAR CLOUDS GATHERING.

England Notifies France That Fashoda Must Be Evacuated Without Further Delay.

French Papers Still Claim That the Trouble Will Be Settled Without War—Minister of War Resigns.

London, Oct. 25.—The situation today is more warlike than ever. Lord Salisbury in his reply to the French yellow book tells France that all French forces must be withdrawn from Fashoda immediately.

The market today was fearfully excited and all sorts of war rumors were numerous. Battleships are being loaded with supplies for battle and for long cruises. Naval officers are reporting for duty and as fast as possible the British fleet are being gotten ready for service.

## FRANCE IS HOPEFUL.

Paris, Oct. 25.—Despite the gravity of the situation the leading Paris papers claim that France will settle the Fashoda matter satisfactorily to all concerned without a recourse to arms.

Gen. Chenevix resigned as minister of war this afternoon. This is most significant as it indicates that the French cabinet is unable to agree on a policy to pursue.

## SICKNESS IN SCHOOL.

Several of the Teachers Ill Yesterday—Pupils Ill.

The average attendance in the public schools continues good, but yesterday five of the teachers were out on account of illness. These were Misses White, Hand and Parker, who have been ill for some little time, and Prof. Norvell and Miss Murray. The latter are now back again.

Supt. McBrooks reports considerable sickness among the pupils, some of which is on account of there being no fires a week or two ago, when the heaters were being repaired.

## MARKET REPORT.

Reported by N. Livingston, Grain Dealer			
	Open	High	Close
Wheat—			
Dec.	69.1	69.1	68.2
May.	69.4	69.5	68.6
Corn—			
Dec.	32.4	32.3	32.1
May.	34.5	34.5	34.2
Oats—			
Dec.	23.4	23.4	23.2
May.	24.6	24.6	24.3
Pork—			
Dec.	\$7.90	7.92	7.92
Jan.	\$9.15	9.15	9.12
Lard—			
Dec.	\$4.32	4.37	4.35
Jan.	\$5.02	5.02	5.00
Ribs—			
Oct.			\$5.30
Dec.	\$4.67	4.72	4.70
Jan.	\$4.72	4.72	4.70

New York Cotton—  
Dec. open 5.25, close 5.23.  
Jan. open 5.25, close 5.28.  
Feb. open 5.35, close 5.38.  
May open 5.42, close 5.41.

New Orleans Cotton—  
Dec. open 4.85, close 4.87.  
Jan. open 4.91, close 4.92.  
Feb. open 5.01, close 5.02.  
May open 5.10, close 5.12.

Sugar stock—\$1.12 1/2  
Am. Tobacco stock—\$1.30.  
L. & N. stock—34 1/2.  
Puts—67.1.  
Calls—69.1.  
Northwestern receipts—1,402.

## COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT.

There will be another meeting of the council tonight to hear a report from the mayor relative to a sale of the telephone franchise, and from the committee appointed to act in conjunction with the mayor and Roberts & Co's representative relative to the bonds. Other matters may come up at the meeting, also.

## DIPHTHERIA HERE.

There is One Case On South Eleventh Street.

A child of Mr. Clint Roaz, who is employed at Michael's factory, has diphtheria. He resides on South Eleventh street, and while there are several children in the family, there is only one thus far afflicted.

This is the only case reported to the city, and it is to be hoped that there will be no other.

## ONE SESSION TODAY.

On account of the rain, there was but one session of the public schools. Many of the teachers are in favor of having but one session every day, which would be easier on both pupils and teachers.

Don't experiment, but get the old reliable Plantation Chill Cure.

## THE THIRD KENTUCKY.

Orders Given for It to Move South Within Three Weeks, Preparatory to Going to Cuba.

General Sanger Has Gone South to Prepare Army Camps for the Troops Now at Lexington.

Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 25.—Capt. Brewer, of the Third Kentucky, says that orders have been received for moving the regiment south within the next three weeks, preparatory to going to Cuba.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 25.—Gen. Sanger has gone south to the new army camps to get them ready for the troops now here.

## BEAR HUNT.

Mr. George Robertson Will Soon Have His Usual Outing.

He Has Two Very Fine Packs, Numbering Fifty Dogs Each.

Mr. George Robertson, of the Paducah Ice Company, expects to leave today for Arkansas on his annual bear hunt. He has on his dog farm 100 dogs of every size, color and "quality," and will ship them on some steamer, probably the Hill City. He will not be accompanied on his hunt by anyone from Paducah, but will be joined by others when he arrives on the scene. He will probably be gone several weeks.

## NEWS OF THE RIVERS.

Cairo, 12.6, rising.  
Chattanooga, 7.6, falling.  
Cincinnati, 16.1, rising.  
Evansville, 6.5, rising.  
Florence, 5.5, falling.  
Johnsboro, 7.9, rising.  
Louisville, 6.7, rising.  
Mt. Carmel, 4.9, rising.  
Nashville, 10.3, rising.  
Paducah, 6.9, rising.  
Pittsburg, 10.6, falling.  
St. Louis, 6.9, falling.

The Pittsburg fleet of towboats, comprising the big John A. Woods, Harry Brown and Hoaz, that have been laid up here for some eight or nine weeks, all left for Pittsburg last night and this morning with forty or fifty empty boat loads.

The H. W. Butteroff departed for Cairo on this morning with a good trip.

The Dunbar is due tomorrow morning early from Clarksville, and leaves at noon for Nashville.

Weather wet and chilly today; thermometer registered 52 above zero at 1 p. m.

The Cincinnati and Memphis packets will start out this week for Cincinnati. The Sunshine takes the lead by departing for Memphis tomorrow at 5 p. m.

There was not much stir around Monkey Wrench corner today. All the regular conventional river boats were under shelter hanging around good fires.

The Paducah dry docks has a big barge pulled out undergoing repairs.

The City of Sheffield from Tennessee river passed out last midnight for Tennessee river. She had a very good trip.

The P. D. Staggs is due out of Tennessee river tomorrow.

There are a great many postoffice in the United States that do not receive near as much mail daily, as either of the boat stores receive. The bulk of the mail however received at the boat stores is principally for the river fraternity.

The John S. Hopkins from Evansville made her appearance here at noon today. This is her first appearance at Paducah in an official capacity for two months or more. She had a good trip in and departed on her return at 1 p. m. with liberal patronage.

## STOP BUILDERS.

The rain has had a very bad effect on builders, and stopped the newer work, as well as the work on many of the houses in course of construction. The work on the First Baptist church, however, is all inside work, and is progressing nicely. The foundation for the new Catholic church is about completed, and will be allowed to settle during the winter.

## THE BEST SHOES

In the city are found at Cochran & Owen's, at very low prices.

331 Broadway.

Several negro soldiers started a riot in California by trying to release a comrade who had been arrested by a policeman. In the shooting which followed, William Brandles, a white man, was killed and a policeman and several soldiers wounded.

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## SOLD TWO FRANCHISES.

One Sold to the Kentucky Electric Telephone Co. for \$100; the Other to the American Co. for \$15.

Bidding Was Slow—East Tennessee Co. Did Not Want Any of It—One Bid Will Probably Be Rejected.

This forenoon at 10 o'clock, Mayor Lang offered for sale at the door of the city court room three telephone franchises, in pursuance of the ordinance adopted by the council on the 23d of last month.

There was quite a crowd present when the ordinance was read by City Clerk Patterson. At the conclusion of the reading, the clerk was ordered by the mayor to offer for sale the three franchises, and the first bid was \$10 for the first franchise. This was increased to \$15 by Mr. Booth, of the American Telephone Co., and it was closed in the name of that company for that amount.

The next franchise was sold, and Mr. Henry Biederman, who claimed to represent the Kentucky Electric Telephone Company, secured it by a bid of \$100.

Secretary Hunter, of the East Tennessee Telephone Company, the one operating the present system of telephones, and Supt. A. L. Jones, were both present, but did not bid on either franchise.

Mayor Lang stated at the conclusion that he did not think that the council could for a moment consider the \$15 bid of Booth, and so franchise was ever sold in Paducah for less than \$25. Mr. Booth claimed that the city was getting the best of it anyhow, and did not seem to like the mayor's attitude in the least, declaring that his company had already secured 300 subscribers who had never paid for telephones before.

When the third franchise was offered for sale there were no bidders on it, and consequently it was not sold.

The ordinance specifies that the lines granted franchises shall be in operation by the first of next June. It is probable that Mr. Booth's bid will be rejected by the council tonight, which will leave the American Telephone company, which is the one that has been trying for some time to get in here, without a franchise, after all its trouble.

The ordinance specifies that no two franchises shall be granted to one company, and while it is said that Mr. Biederman represents the same company that Mr. Booth does, it is likely that he does not, and if he does, his franchise will avail him nothing unless the council rejects the other bid.

Mayor Lang is of the opinion that the council will tonight reject both of the bids for telephone franchises, in which event it would become necessary to advertise for thirty days again. The mayor thinks that furthermore the council will advertise no more telephone franchises unless it has a guarantee in advance. It cost about double what one of the franchises brought to advertise it.

## MINSTRELS.

Fields & Hanson at Morton's Thursday Night.

Bear in mind the date of Fields & Hanson's far-famed minstrel organization, which will appear at Morton's opera house on Thursday evening next, and the public will witness a performance of merit and one containing round of pleasure, presented by a notable roster of minstrel graduates, comedians, vocal and musical celebrities. The entire program which will be presented will no doubt prove to be a most pleasant surprise, on hearing as it does a brilliant succession of timely satires. The newest of farces, absolutely novel, special numbers will be introduced and everything pertaining to a first class performance will be found with Fields & Hanson's company. In fact, it will be a positively refreshing review of modern minstrelsy.

The J. H. Greif shop, 319 Court street, will repair your carriage or buggy in first-class style. All work guaranteed.

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## WANTS DAMAGES.

A Lad in Crittenden County Says He Was Bitten By a Vicious Dog.

Marion, Ky., Oct. 25.—A peculiar and unusual damage suit has been filed in court here by Robert Butler, aged 14, through his father, against Chas. Fox and wife. All are well known people of the county. Butler says he was bitten and terribly injured by a vicious dog belonging to the defendant, while defendant and plaintiff were working the road. Butler asks \$500 damages.

## BOB BLANKS' CASE.

Will Be Argued on Nov. 12th, at Frankfort.

The case against Bob Blanks, the Mayfield ravisher now in jail at Louisville, will be argued before the court of appeals on Nov. 12th, and submitted.

## ELECTED SECRETARY.

Mr. George H. Dains Elected to That Office of the Commercial Club.

The Chairman Announces the Respective Committees of the Association.

The Commercial and Manufacturers Association directory met last night at the Citizens Savings bank, and Mr. George H. Dains, of the Sun, was elected secretary his salary being fixed at \$100 a month.

The chairman of the various committees then announced their respective committees as follows:

Taxation—F. L. Scott, John Simnett, W. C. Ellis.  
Entertainments—R. B. Phillips, C. L. Gregory, Dr. D. G. Murrell, Freight and passenger rates—J. G. Hinkle, R. W. Clements, W. B. Wicks.

Immigration—A. N. Clarke, John W. Little, C. E. Jennings.  
Advertising—Chas. Weille, John W. Keller, E. W. Bowman.

Employment—J. Andy Bauer, John Rock, D. M. Flournoy.  
Ways and means—J. L. Friedman, M. Boon, Sam B. Hughes.

New industries—T. P. Toof, Geo. C. Thompson, S. A. Fowler.  
Legislation—E. Farley, Judge I. M. Ogley, M. Livingston.

Insurance—W. F. Paxton, R. E. Ashbrook, C. C. Rose.  
Taxes—Geo. C. Wanner, R. S. Lack, S. B. Caldwell.  
Mail facilities—J. M. Lang, Abe Weil, F. M. Fisher.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

In this issue will be found the announcement of Mr. S. A. Fowler, the receiver of the Gas Co., to the effect that on and after November 1 the price of gas will be reduced. This is a most important action of the Gas Co., and means a great saving to the people of this city. With illuminating gas at \$1.50 and fuel gas at \$1 per 1,000 feet, the use of gas is within the reach of every one. And when the cleanliness of a gas store and the ease of handling it is taken into consideration, it is hard to see how a housekeeper can get along without it.

## WANTED.

A good colored boy. Apply at 800 Broadway.

## A CLOSE CALL.

Will Young, a colored C. C. brake-man of the city, had a narrow escape at Little Cypress yesterday afternoon. He fell between two freight cars, but instead of being ground to pieces, he received only a scalp wound. He was brought to the hospital here.

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## THE DOCTORS.

Meeting Today at Mayfield—Physicians Attend From Paducah.

The Association Was Organized Here Twenty-Five Years Ago.

The Southwest Kentucky Medical Association convened this morning at Mayfield, with Major Frank Boyd, of the city, presiding. There is a good attendance of doctors from the district, and an interesting program has been prepared.

Twenty-five years ago the association was organized in Paducah, and of the thirty or more charter members, only a few are alive today. Some of these are: Doctors, Elliott and Brooks, of Paducah; Howard, of Prysburg; J. D. Landrum and J. L. Dismukes, of Mayfield; Luten and Usher, of Fulton, and Beeler, of Clinton.

Drs. Stewart, secretary of the association, Thomas E. Moss, and Dr. Albert Bernheim, went down this morning, and Drs. Rivers, Brooks, and several others expect to go down this afternoon.

## DR. HOYD'S SUCCESSOR.

There is some discussion going on in the Third Kentucky at Lexington regarding the vacancy in the Major Surgeon's office. One tip is that Dr. J. W. Madara, who has recently been transferred from Ft. Thomas to the John Blair Gibbs Hospital there will get the place, but officers of the regiment claim, and they should know best, that Capt. Garrett, the second assistant surgeon of the regiment, will be promoted, and that Capt. Bell, of Hopkinsville, will be made Major Surgeon.

## SEE OUR WINDOW.

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## TRAFFIC OPEN.

Agent Warfield Has Received Notice From Headquarters.

Luton Depot Agent George Warfield has received notice from headquarters that traffic is open on the Illinois Central to Memphis, baggage and express, and the Iron Mountain is open out of Memphis.

## MASONIC NOTICE.

A stated convocation of Paducah Commandery, No. 11, Knights Templar, will be held in their assembly room at 7:30 o'clock. Visiting Sir Knights invited.

W. H. COLEMAN, Recorder.

## A CONSTABLE GOT THE WARRANT.

The warrant issued against the Owens Bill show for failing to procure the proper license was not sworn out by Commonwealth's Attorney Bradshaw, but by a constable. As stated yesterday, the warrant was not served because the manager could not be found.

## POLICE COURT.

Clayton Cawthorne Is Held for Shooting in Sudden Heat and Passion.

French Owen Also Gets a Dose of Justice—Other Cases Tried This Morning.

The case against Clayton Cawthorne, colored, charged with maliciously shooting French Owen, in a Seventh street saloon several days ago, was decided this morning in the police court by Judge Sanlers, Cawthorne being held for shooting in sudden heat and passion, and Owen being fined \$20 and costs for a breach of the peace.

The evidence showed that Owen was the aggressor, but that the defendant used more force than was necessary in repelling the attack. George Edwards, a white stranger, was fined \$1 and costs for drunkenness.

The J. H. Greif shop, 319 Court street, builds high-grade wagons; all work guaranteed.

## The Last Week

From our retail store. We intend quitting the retail business on November 1st, and rather than move the remainder of our stock to the wholesale department we are going to offer


## BARGAINS BARGAINS

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SECOND... He does all his work with home labor.  
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Boys' Splendid School Suits  
Choice of live styles, sizes 7 to 16. Coat double-breasted.



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For the money, our patent "asp Puritan Kid" gloves in all the fashionable light and dark colors, only \$1.00.

### Taffeta Silks.

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A large collection of handsome plaid, stripe and brocade waist silks 59c. a yard.

**Camel's Hair Cheviots.**  
A new skirting fabric—52 inches wide, in navy blue and black 75c. a yard.

**Pure Glycerine Soap 5c a Cake.**  
1/2 pound bars of glycerine soap 10c each.

### School Hose.

Children's extra heavy weight hose, high spliced heel and toe, size 7 to 10, 15c a pair.

### Flannelettes.

A very pretty and serviceable material for wrappers and dressing sacs, dark colors 8 1/2 cents.

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Light and dark shades, an extra value 10c a yard.

### Fancy Braids and Guimpes.

For stylish dress trimmings, only 5, 8, 15 and 25c a yard.



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## New Carpets, Rugs, Curtains and Draperies.

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The materials now used in shoes for the youth, comprising vic kid, box and kangaroo calf, certainly warrant the assertion that at no prior time were the same facilities offered for artistically shoeing the growing generation, and prices so low.

- 50c buys line of child's kid shoes, sizes 5 to 8.
- 75c buys line of child's kid shoes, 8 1/2 to 11.
- 75c buys line kangaroo calf shoes, 5 to 8.
- 75c buys line bright grain shoes, 5 to 8.
- 80c buys line bright grain shoes, 8 1/2 to 11.
- 1.00 buys line bright grain shoes, 11 1/2 to 2.
- 1.00 buys line kid or kangaroo calf, 8 1/2 to 11.
- 1.25 buys line kid or kangaroo calf, sizes 11 1/2 to 2.
- 1.50 buys line kid or calf, sizes 2 1/2 to 8.

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### THE BOND QUESTION.

It looks very much to the unbiased observer like the city of Paducah is "up against it," as the saying is. In other words, she has a contract with Roberts & Co., of New York, to sell \$100,000 of refunding bonds on December 1st, and has no legal right, according to the city attorney, to refund the bonds. All the present muddle would have been obviated had the finance committee of the council, elected by the people to represent the people, given the matter the proper investigation before it blindly rushed into something there is now every reason to believe it will regret, and, in fact, that the entire city will regret. For the council has the fair fame, honor and dignity of the city to maintain, and at the same time must uphold and obey the law, and it appears both cannot be carried out to the letter in the present case.

It is to be heartily regretted that matters have reached this unhappy crisis. When the \$100,000 bonds now in controversy were first issued, they were given and accepted in good faith. There is no reason to believe that there was any disposition on the part of the council to deceive or defraud the railroad company by inducing it to accept invalid bonds, especially as the city has regularly paid the interest on them ever since or during a period of ten years.

The recent deal with Roberts & Co. resolves itself into an honest mistake on both sides. Roberts & Co. did not know the bonds were invalid when they agreed to buy them, and the council did not know it, or the members could never have contracted to sell them. Now that the mistake has been discovered, the only thing to be done is to call it a draw. The city has no legal right to refund the bonds now, in face of the opinion rendered by the legal authorities. If they could, it cannot be understood what Roberts & Co. would want with them, knowing that they are illegal. The house has its own excellent credit and reputation to sustain in the financial world, as well as has the city of Paducah.

No one of intelligence will blame the city, or charge it with dealing unfairly. It can do nothing else but decline to refund the bonds now, and if Roberts & Co. should contest the matter in law, it would only result in the city's being forced to an action that had heretofore been avoided, and that is, refusing to pay either the original bonds or the interest thereon.

### WAIT NOT PROBABLE.

England and France are making preparations that look most ominous; but it by no means follows that war is a certainty or even a possibility. Great as is the power of France, no persons know better than those at the head of the French government what the outcome of an Anglo-French war would be. It is probable that the English navy would settle the results in less time than the length of the recent war with Spain. The contest would not be so one-sided and there would be heavy losses on both sides, but the French navy would ultimately be crushed by the superior strength of the British fleets.

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If there was any intention last night by referring the bond matter to a citizens' committee, to shift the responsibility of cancelling the contract on to the shoulders of private citizens, it was entirely unnecessary, as well as unworthy of public officials. The council has been informed by its legal adviser that the

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## CITIZENS' COMMITTEE.

One Appointed Last Night to Confer With Mr. Coffin Today—Lively Council Meeting.

City Attorney Lightfoot Gives It as His Opinion That the Bonds Cannot Be Legally Refunded at All—Very Knotty.

The city council met the citizens of Paducah last night at the city hall for the purpose of discussing the refunding of the \$100,000 in bonds the city has contracted to furnish Roberts & Co., of New York, on Dec. 1. Mayor Lang presided, and quite a crowd was in attendance.

The mayor stated that the object of the meeting was to hear expressions from the taxpayers on the subject, and stated that Mr. W. E. Coffin, of the banking firm, was present. Mr. Coffin was asked to address the meeting and responded by reviewing the case relative to the negotiations which lead to the contract with the city to sell \$145,000 of refunding bonds to Roberts & Co.

He read the resolution authorizing the acceptance of the proposition to Roberts & Co. Mr. Coffin said nothing in the entire transaction was done in the corner—no secret. Everything was open and above board.

He said as to the reference to bribery, he disliked to dignify it by mention, but that his company did not do business that way, and that everybody knew the members of the finance committee, and that they were strictly honest men. That as to Mr. Katterjohn's statement that the council had contracted to furnish the bonds, he said that was a mistake, and somebody else heard something about there being a chance to make some money by buying the bonds, but that Mr. Katterjohn's attorney advised him against it, and that there was nothing further done.

He said that Roberts & Co. had nothing to do with it. He said further that Roberts & Co. held none of the bonds, never did hold any of them, and were not interested directly or indirectly with the old bonds. He then referred to the alleged illegality of the bonds, and said the city could not afford to repudiate the bonds. It would reflect on the city's foreign credit, as the newspapers are giving wide publicity to all the current talk, and with the remarkable facilities now afforded for news gathering, items are clipped and reprinted in journals that are most read by financiers and money

lenders. He suggested that a committee of citizens composed of Messrs. Geo. Langstaff, Jr., Jacob Weil, and Ex-Mayor Yeiser, be appointed as a committee to meet with him and the mayor and hear the whole case. He said all the gentlemen were pronounced in their opposition to refunding the bonds, hence it could not be said that the committee was composed of his friends.

Councilman Fowler moved that the committee be appointed.

It was moved that City Attorney Lightfoot be added to the committee, but Mr. Lightfoot, in a speech evincing some sentiment because the finance committee had failed to consult him before making the deal with Roberts & Co., declined to act on the committee, and at the same time antagonized the appointment of a committee of citizens, saying that the council would ultimately have to pass on the question anyhow, was the legal representatives of the people, and amply able to do the subject justice.

Capt. Fowler said the committee had discussed the matter with some of the gentlemen before, and saw no propriety in having them consulted again. He wanted the council to get their views. He saw no reflection on the council by such action.

Ex-Mayor Yeiser was recognized and said he thought other citizens present ought to be heard from. He said he was opposed to refunding \$100,000 straight 30 year bonds at 4 1/2 cents at a saving of only \$250. He didn't think he could do justice to Mr. Coffin as a member of the committee under the circumstances.

Mr. Elliott asked for the opinion of City Attorney Lightfoot, and it was read by Clerk Patterson. He said his conclusions, although he had never been officially consulted in the matter, were warranted, he thought, by law.

He alleged there were a number of serious irregularities attending the election at which the bonds were voted. In brief, the present outstanding bonds are illegal, for various reasons, and cannot be refunded at any price.

Mr. C. C. Ellis, of the Paducah Banking Co., said that since the expression of the city attorney, he saw no use in discussing the matter further.

Councilman Fowler asked Mr. Ellis if he could see any harm in a citizen's committee conferring with Mr. Coffin, to which Mr. Ellis said he could see no harm in it.

Mr. Coffin replied by urging that the committee be appointed, saying he had selected a committee pronounced in their opposition to the issue of the bonds.

Mr. F. Kamleiter said he was convinced that the council was capable of attending to its own business. He said that his chief objection to the proposed refunding bonds was that they were 30-year bonds and the

saving to the city would be small. He didn't think the contract the city has with Roberts & Co. is binding, until it was clinched by an ordinance.

Mr. R. G. Caldwell said he thought Mr. Coffin's suggestion to confer with a committee of citizens a good one, and was willing to abide by whatever they suggested.

Mr. J. E. Wilhelm, of the Register, was present and said he had heard the two sides and thought from what he had heard that the city was up against a big thing. That the city's reputation might be impaired by breaking faith with Roberts & Co., and at the same time he didn't see, under the law quoted by City Attorney Lightfoot, how the city could legally refund bonds illegally issued. As he said before, the city had a knotty question to deal with.

The city had her reputation for justice and fair dealing to maintain, yet he didn't see how two illegal votes could make one legal one. That he could not understand how the city could legally refund the illegal bonds no matter what the opinion of the council and citizens might be.

Mr. James E. Robertson, of the News, was called, and said all who read the News knew what he thought. Capt. Fowler spoke again in favor of the citizens' committee.

City Attorney Lightfoot then in a few words told the situation. He said no matter what a committee of either citizens or the council might say, nothing in his opinion could be issued in place of those old bonds, and he would be compelled to give that opinion under all conditions and circumstances, under the law as he construed it.

Councilman Fowler told how he laid the matter before three prominent financiers before the deal with Roberts & Co., and they all thought the proposition was a good one. He said if the war with Spain, then only a possibility, had resulted differently or lasted longer, the proposition might have been considered a good one, but now the East is flooded with money seeking investment. This somewhat changed things.

Mr. Yeiser said he thought all this stuff about hurting the city's credit was sickly sentimentality—all rot. That no one could charge him with repudiation or trying to avoid a contract or debt. He said if Roberts & Co. had backed out the city had no way to get redress, as there was no indemnifying bond. And if there had been any danger of Roberts & Co. getting the worst of it latter would have taken advantage of the city.

Mr. Elliott said he didn't see any use in referring the matter to a committee. It looked like imposing on them.

The motion was then put, and carried by a vote of 9 to 3, Messrs. Elliott, Johnson and Smith voting "no." On motion the council adjourned.

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